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As Veteran Population Ages; Is It Time To Think About Future Implications?

During the last 80 years, America's involvement in wars and conflicts around the world has left a lasting legacy on the size and composition of the veteran population.

As Veterans Day 2024 approaches, but before the rush of the weekend's activities scheduled at the Post prior to Monday, Nov. 11 takes place, perhaps it's time to take a moment or two reflecting on the aging veteran population in the U.S. and thinking about the implications of what that may portend for organizations such as the American Legion in general and especially for larger posts like Post 201.

Here are some highlights from a U.S. Census document prepared in July 2023 titled *Aging Veterans: America's Veteran Population in Later Life*, which examines characteristics of the nation's 8.1 million veterans ages 65 or older in 2021.

- Nearly one-half (49%) of all veterans in the United States were 65 years or older.

- The largest group of older veterans (5.5 million) served during the Vietnam era. World War II veterans made up the smallest group (183,000) of war-time veterans.
- Older veterans were less likely to be living in poverty and had higher incomes than other older adults.
- Older veterans were more likely to have a functional disability than other older adults. However, older veterans were less likely to have a service-connected disability compared with all veterans.
- Older veterans were less likely to be at risk of isolation than other older adults. About 43% of older veterans experienced at least one characteristic of isolation compared with 46% of older adults who never served.
- In contrast, veterans in general, regardless of age, were more likely to have at least one characteristic of isolation than nonveterans (34% compared with 27%, respectively).
- Owing to women's restricted opportunities to serve in the military before the 1980s, older veterans are almost entirely men.

Older veterans are an important and valuable link to America's past conflicts. They contribute to the nation's collective memory of wartime experiences - - - one that will pass into history as the current generation of veterans ages and dies.

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Volunteers Needed for Speaking Engagements

This is the time of the year that the Post starts being asked to provide a speaker, or several veterans to participate in panel discussions related to Veterans Day. If you'd like to volunteer to fill one of the requests received at the Post, please drop an email to the Post to let us know of your availability. The address is americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com. Please put the words "Speaker Volunteer" in the subject line.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

*Every Sunday at 7 p.m. - - Karaoke in the Clubroom/Bar.
Lots of Laughs, Good Times, and even Greater People.
Libations at a much better price than downtown!*

VIEW FEATURED POST EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Haunted Voices Halloween Party, Post Clubroom/Bar. [Click here for more information.](#)

Friday, Nov. 1 We CARE Vet Fair - - United We Care (www.unitedmilitarycare.org), an East Cobb County-based veterans service organization has scheduled a We CARE Vet Fair at the Cobb County Civic Center, [548 S. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta](#) on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024. For more information on this event [click here](#) .

Sunday, Nov. 3, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Scout Troop 51 Flag Retirement Ceremony on the back grounds of the Post.

Monday, Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Veterans Day Lunch Celebration at Preston Ridge Community Center, [3655 Preston Ridge Rd., Alpharetta](#). Hosted by the City of Alpharetta Recreation Parks & Cultural Services. *Reservations need to be made by Friday, Oct. 25.* [Click here](#) to make reservations.

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6 p.m. House Committee Meeting.

Thursday, Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 8th Annual Cruz-In. [Click here](#) for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m. Bingo sponsored by Auxiliary Unit 201.

Monday, Nov. 11. Veterans Day. No specific plans for Veterans Day activities at the Post have been announced to date, including whether the Clubroom/Bar will open earlier than the regular 3 p.m. Monday - Friday schedule.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Dinner served at 6 p.m.

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CLUB 201 DANCE - LEARN MORE

VETERANS RESOURCES

Visit the [Resource Page](#) at Post 201's website, www.legion201.org for a significant amount of information concerning various resources available for veterans. You'll find a Survivor Assistance Checklist, Benefits for Georgia Veterans, Burial at Sea Information, Veteran's License Plates Information, Emergency Housing Information Guide and many other resources.

Past Issues of the Post's E-newsletter - [Click here](#).

VA Telephone Hotline - 1-877-222-8387

Veterans Crisis Line - 1-800-273-8255 Press 1

Post 201 Service Officer Hotline for Vets-at-Risk - 631-720-6022

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